Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9737-S9809

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1201–1209. Page S9785

Measures Passed:

Austrian-American Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 122, declaring September 26, 1997, as "Austrian-American Day". Pages \$9805-06

California Land Conveyance: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 111, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, California, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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FDA Modernization and Accountability Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. (The modification incorporated the language of Jeffords Amendment No. 1130, listed below), taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Murray Amendment No. 1161, to modify the exemption requirements relating to national uniformity for nonprescription drugs to provide an exemption for a State or political subdivision requirement that protects the health and safety of children.

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Jeffords Amendment No. 1174, to maintain authority of the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco.

Pages \$9766-67

Jeffords Amendment No. 1175, to provide that an environmental impact statement prepared in accordance with certain regulations of the Food and Drug Administration shall be considered to meet the requirements of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

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Jeffords (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1152, to improve the standard for binding determinations with respect to the specification of valid scientific evidence with respect to the effectiveness of devices.

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Jeffords (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 1156, to provide for a study and report concerning the treatment of health care economic information.

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Jeffords (for DeWine) Modified Amendment No. 1136, to establish a program for the pediatric studies of drugs and pediatric uses for approved drugs.

Pages S9766-68

Jeffords (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1183, to provide for a disclaimer with respect to safety reports.

Pages S9764, S9766

Jeffords (for Hatch/Wyden) Modified Amendment No. 1182, to improve the mission of the Food and Drug Administration.

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By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 255), Jeffords Amendment No. 1130, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 252), Durbin Amendment No. 1140 (to Amendment No. 1130), to require that entities and individuals accredited to conduct review of device notifications be subject to the conflict of interest standards that apply to employees of the Food and Drug Administration.

Pages S9737-38

By 39 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 253), Durbin Amendment No. 1139 (to Amendment No. 1130), to eliminate provisions relating to the discretion of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to track devices or to conduct postmarket surveillance of devices.

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Reed Amendment No. 1177 (to Amendment No. 1130), to ensure that determinations of the Secretary with respect to the intended uses of a device are based on the proposed labeling only if such labeling is not false or misleading. (By 65 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 254), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Senate upheld the ruling of the Chair which held that Harkin Amendment No. 1137 (to Amendment No. 1130), authorizing funds for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2000 to establish within the National Institutes of Health an agency to be known as the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine was not germane, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages \$9759-63

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 24, 1997, with a vote on passage to occur thereon.

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Campaign Reform—Agreement: A unanimousconsent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 25, to reform the financing of Federal elections, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties: Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105–28);

Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Canada (Treaty Doc. 105–29); and

Extradition Treaty with India (Treaty Doc. 105–30).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

Pages S9806-08

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Received on Monday, September 22, during the adjournment:

Richard Frank Celeste, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to India.

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Communications: Page S9783

Executive Reports of Committees: Pages S9783-85
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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—255) Pages \$9738-39, \$9759, \$9769

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 12 noon, on Wednesday, September 24, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$9809.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

- S. 1193, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:
- S. 1196, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers; and

The nominations of Robert L. Mallett, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, and W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, and certain nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard.

AUTHORIZATION—ENDANGERED SPECIES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held hearings on S. 1180, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 through 2003 for programs of the Endangered Species Act, receiving testimony from Jamie Rappaport Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Terry D. Garcia, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and Montana Governor Marc Racicot, Helena, on behalf of the National Governors' Association and the Western Governors' Association.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

IRS REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the current state of the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on its practices and procedures and its enforcement authorities to collect delinquent taxes, receiving testimony from Senators Grassley and Kerrey; Representative Hoyer; Joseph F. Lane, Menlo Park, California, on behalf of the National Association of Enrolled Agents; and Robert L. Goldstein and James A. Woehlke, both of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, New York, New York.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Corinne Claiborne Boggs, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Holy

See, R. Nicholas Burns, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, Thomas M. Foglietta, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Italy, and Mark Robert Parris, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Boggs was introduced by Senators Breaux and Landrieu and Representatives Livingston and McCrery, Mr. Burns was introduced by Senator Kennedy, and Mr. Foglietta was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Thomas E. Mann, Brookings Institution, and Norman J. Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

HEALTH CARE MARKET ANTITRUST POLICY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine competitive trends in the health

care marketplace to assess the currency and effectiveness of antitrust law enforcement, after receiving testimony from James R. Nathan, Legacy Alliance, Fort Myers, Florida; William Kopit, Epstein Becker & Green, and Joe Sims, Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, both of Washington, D.C.; William J. Lynk, Lexecon Inc., Chicago, Illinois; and John C. McMeekin, Crozer-Keystone Health System, Media, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Hospital Association.

PROSTATE CANCER

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine detection and treatment options for prostate cancer, after receiving testimony from former Senator Dole; Nevada Governor Bob Miller, Carson City; David G. McLeod, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; E. David Crawford, University of Colorado Cancer Center, Denver, on behalf of the National Prostate Cancer Education Council; Richard J. Babaian, University of Texas Cancer Center, Houston; Len Dawson, Northbrook, Illinois, on behalf of the American Foundation for Urologic Disease; and Bob and Carol Watson, Bronx, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 2513–2532; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 155–156 and H. Res. 238–241, were introduced. Pages H7728–29

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2429, to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program through fiscal year 2000, amended (H. Rept. 105–259 Part I);

Report on the Revised Subdivision Totals for Fiscal Year 1998 (H. Rept. 105–260);

H.R. 1948, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, amended (H. Rept. 105–261);

H. Con. Res. 131, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the ocean, amended (H. Rept. 105–262);

H. Res. 238, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–263);

H. Res. 239, providing for consideration of H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of

Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–264);

Conference report on H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–265); and

H.R. 1787, to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants (H. Rept. 105–266 Part 1).

Pages H7656-H7710, H7728

Recess: The House recessed at 1:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H7611

Corrections Calendar: On the call of the Corrections Calendar, the House passed H.R. 2343, to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board by a yea and nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 416.

Pages H7614–17, H7654

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages H7615–17

Suspensions: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Commemorative Coin Program Act: H.R. 2414, amended, to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States (passed by a recorded vote of 413 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 417).

Pages H7617-22, H7654-55

Arbitration in United States District Courts: S. 996, amended, to provide for the authorization of appropriations in each fiscal year for arbitration in United States district courts (passed by a recorded vote of 421 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 418). Agreed to amend the title.

Pages H7622-23, H7655-56

Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit: H.R. 2027, to provide for the revision of the requirements for a Canadian border boat landing permit pursuant to section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and to require the Attorney General to report to the Congress on the impact of such revision (passed by a yea and nay vote of 412 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 419).

Pages H7623–26, H7710–11

Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offenders Registration: H.R. 1683, amended, to clarify the standards for State sex offender registration programs under the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act (agreed to by a recorded vote of 415 ayes to 2 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 420).

Pages H7626–32, H7711

Carl B. Stokes U.S. Courthouse: H.R. 643, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse" (passed by a recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 421).

Pages H7632-35, H7711-12

Howard T. Markey National Courts Building: H.R. 824, to redesignate the Federal building located at 717 Madison Place, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the "Howard T. Markey National Courts Building" (passed by a recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 422).

Pages H7635-36, H7712-13

Robert J. Dole U.S. Courthouse: S. 1000, to designate the United States courthouse at 500 State Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse"—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H7636–39, H7713

Kika de la Garza U.S. Border Station: H.R. 994, to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station." Pages H7639-40

Ronald H. Brown Federal Building: H.R. 29, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown Federal Building." Pages H7640–42, H7713

Oklahoma City National Memorial: S. 871, amended, to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System; to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust (passed by a recorded vote of 414 ayes to 7 noes, Roll No. 423).

Pages H7642–46, H7713–14

National Wildlife Refuge Improvement: Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1420, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System (agreed to by a recorded vote of 419 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 424)—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H7646-48, H7714

Hood Bay Land Exchange: H.R. 1948, amended, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument (passed by a recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 425).

Pages H7648-49, H7714-15

Election of Guam Delegate: H.R. 1460, amended, to allow for election of the Delegate from Guam by other than separate ballot.

Pages H7649-51

Interior Appropriations Act for FY 1998: The House disagreed with the Senate amendments to H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees Representatives Regula, McDade, Kolbe, Skeen, Taylor of North Carolina, Nethercutt, Miller of Florida, Wamp, Livingston, Yates, Murtha, Dicks, Skaggs, Moran of Virginia, and Obey.

Pages H7651–53

Agreed to the Yates motion to instruct conferees to agree to the amendments of the Senate numbered 120, 121, 122.

Pages H7651–53

Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Porter, Young of Florida, Bonilla, Istook, Miller of Florida, Dickey, Wicker, Northup, Livingston, Obey, Stokes, Hoyer, Pelosi, Lowey, and DeLauro.

Pages H7653-54

Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees to insist on the Senate position to provide \$368,716,000 for congregate meals for the elderly.

Pages H7653-54

Recess: The House recessed at 7:07 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m. Page H7656

Amendments: Amendments printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7730–31.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7654, H7655, H7655–56, H7710–11, H7711, H7711–12, H7712–13, H7713, H7714, and H7714–15. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FAST TRACK AUTHORITY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a hearing to review fast track authority. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Approved revised Section 302(b) budget allocations for fiscal year 1998.

INVESTIGATIVE DRUGS—SERIOUSLY ILL PATIENTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Adequacy of Access to Investigative Drugs for Seriously Ill Patients. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NLRB REVIEW

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on Review of the National Labor Relations Board. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS—STATE APPROACHES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on State Approaches to Protecting Private Property Rights. Testimony was heard from Richard Russman, Senator, State of New Hampshire; Chip Campsen, Representative, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 2458, Community Protection and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Robert

Joslin, Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DRAIN LAKE POWELL

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Water and Power held a joint oversight hearing on the proposal to drain Lake Powell or reduce its water storage capability. Testimony was heard from Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Michael S. Hacskaylo, Acting Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy; Ted Stewart, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah; Rita P. Pearson, Director, Department of Water Resources, State of Arizona; Jim Lochhead, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides for the adoption of the amendment printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) of rule XXI. The rule provides for, prior to the consideration of any other amendment, the consideration of the amendment numbered 1 in part 2 of the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report which may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment. The rule provides for consideration of the amendments printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report, except for the amendment numbered 1, which may only be offered by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified and shall not be subject to further amendment or to a demand for a division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment numbered 2 in part 2 of the Rules Committee report. The rule waives points of order against the amendments numbered 1 and 3 in part 2 of the Rules Committee report for failure to comply with clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill)

of rule XXI. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to those Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration. The rule also allows the Chairman to postpone recorded votes and to reduce to five minutes the voting time on any postponed question, provided voting time on the first in any series of questions is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote a rule waiving all points of order against the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and against its consideration. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walsh and Serrano.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 2513, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and modify the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 relating to exempting active financing income from foreign personal holding company income and to provide for the nonrecognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers' cooperatives; and H.R. 2487, Child Support Incentive Act of 1997.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN LEGION

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and the House Committee on Veterans Affairs concluded joint hearings to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, after receiving testimony from Anthony G. Jordan, American Legion, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to oversight hearings on the operation of the Federal Housing Finance Board, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine the impact of new Environmental Protection Agency air quality standards on manufacturers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to continue hearings on S. 1180, to authorize funds for programs of the Endangered Species Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 2443, to designate the Federal Building located at 601 Fourth Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia, as the "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building", in honor of William H. Christian, Jr., Martha Dixon Martinez, Michael J. Miller, Anthony Palmisano, and Edwin R. Woodriffe, time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Committee on Finance, to continue hearings to examine the practices and procedures of the Internal Revenue Service, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Thomas S. Foley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Japan, and Alphonse F. La Porta, of New York, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to mark up the proposed Workforce Investment Partnership Act, and to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider H.R. 2493, Forage Improvement Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on issues relating to debit cards and unsolicited loan checks, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Protecting the Future of Social Security, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, to markup H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 3:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Electricity Competition: Necessary Federal and State Roles, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to consider the following: granting of immunity to certain witnesses; H.R. 1962, Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1997; H.R. 404, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to State and local governments of certain surplus property for use for law enforcement or public safety purposes; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to consider Contested Election in the Forty-sixth District of California and other pending business, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, to continue hearings on Fast Track: On Course or Derailed? Necessary or Not? 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on the State of Competition in the Cable Television Industry, 10

a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on temporary agricultural work visa programs, 10:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider a motion to authorize the Chairman to issue subpoenas for the production of records related to the Committee's review of the designation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument; to be followed by a hearing on H.R. 1842, to terminate further development and implementation of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of De-

fense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and H.R. 901, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act, 11:30 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on Science, Math, Engineering and Technology Education-Curriculum Development, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to markup H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 2:30 p.m., S-128, Capitol.

Conferees, on H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 1998, 4 p.m., H–140, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 12 noon, Wednesday, September 24

Senate Chamber **House Chamber**

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 830, FDA Modernization and Accountability Act, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon, and may begin consideration of S. 1156, District of Columbia Appropriations, 1998.

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2209, Legislative Branch Appropriation Act for FY 1998 (rule waiving points of order):

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 24

Consideration of H.R. 2267, Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (open rule, 1 hour of debate):

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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